

February 1, 1993 LB 138, 154, 226, 306

SPEAKER BAACK: The committee amendments are adopted. We'll now go to the bill as amended. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, Senator Lindsay, I think, did a good job of explaining the intent of the bill and the mechanics of the bill and explaining the committee amendments, so I'll be very brief. The problem was a Sarpy County problem but it could exist any place in regard to the juvenile court situation. What we found is when a judge of the juvenile court has a need...as in the case of the previous judge who was removed from office or in the case of the current judge who may from time to time have to excuse himself from hearing certain cases because he was a juvenile prosecutor prior to becoming the judge, the pool of individuals that the statute allows to sit temporarily to hear those cases is very slight. So this would allow the chief justice of the Supreme Court to make these appointments. It broadens...it's intended to broaden the pool of judges who can come into separate juvenile courts and hear a case when the sitting judge has to excuse himself for some particular reason. So, with that, I would urge you to support the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Discussion on the advancement of LB 154? Seeing none, do you wish to close, Senator Withem? He waives closing. We will now vote on the advancement of LB 154. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 154.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 154 advances. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, notice of hearing from the Transportation Committee and from the General Affairs Committee, signed by the respective Chairs. Health and Human Services, Chaired by Senator Wesely, reports LB 306 to General File; LB 226, General File with committee amendments attached. (See pages 430-31 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We'll now go to LB 138.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 138 was a bill introduced by Senator Will at the request of the Governor, signed by...cosigned by